

IN THE CLAIMS

1. - 15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

providing a source of a drug to be administered to a patient,

associating a unique tracking code with said source,
wherein said unique tracking code is unique as to a single
source providing data associated with said drug to be
administered,

disposing of said source,

storing said data in association with said tracking code on a storage device, whereby said data may be altered while still being associated with the same unique tracking code, and

retrieving said data from said storage device using said tracking code,

wherein said data tracks said drug and said source from
providing of said source to said disposing of said source.

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said tracking code comprises a bar code.

20. (original) The method of claim 19, further including scanning said bar code for identifying said drug associated with said bar code prior to administration of said drug to a patient.

21. (original) The method of claim 16, further including affixing said source to a cradle.

22. (original) The method of claim 21, further including adhering a label containing said tracking code to at least one of said cradle and said source.

23. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein said cradle comprises a syringe label cradle.

24. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein said cradle comprises a port label cradle.

25. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said source comprises a syringe.

26. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said source comprises an IV port.

27. (currently amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

preparation of providing a source of a drug to be administered to a patient,

affixing said source in a cradle,

providing a label having a bar code corresponding to a unique tracking code affixed to at least one of said source and said cradle, wherein said unique tracking code is unique as to a single source,

identifying data associated with said drug and said patient,

storing said data in association with said unique tracking code on a storage device,

administering a quantity of said drug to a patient,

disposing of said source after administration of said drug to a patient,

updating said data and said quantity of said drug administered in association with ~~associating~~ the same unique tracking code with the updated data, and

retrieving said data from said storage device using said unique tracking code,

wherein said data tracks said drug and said source from preparation of said source to disposing of said source.

28. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein said source comprises a syringe.

29. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein said source comprises an IV port.

30. (original) The method of claim 27, said tracking code identifies a single source associated with a single patient.

31. - 36. (cancelled)

37. (new) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

preparing a source of a drug to be administered to a patient,

associating a unique tracking code with said source,

providing first data associated with said tracking code relating to said drug to be administered,

providing second data representing an amount of said drug administered to said patient from said source associated with said tracking code,

providing third data associated with disposing of said source,

storing said first, second and third data in association with said tracking code on a storage device,

retrieving said first, second and third data from said storage device using said tracking code,

whereby said first, second and third data associated with said tracking code tracks said source from said preparing of

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said source through administration of said drug to a patient to said disposal thereof.